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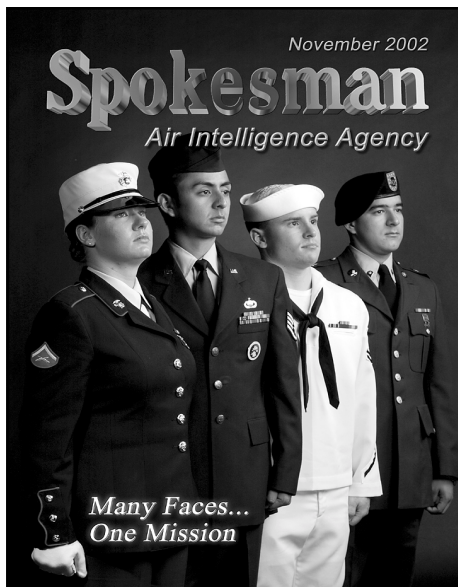


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From left are LCpl Leslie Bond, SSgt Miguel Ochoa, PO2 Joseph Adams and SPC Jose Miguel Flores. All four service members are currently serving in a joint mission at the Medina Regional Security Operations Center at Lackland AFB.



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## CSAF's comments

# AEF cycle provides rhythm for entire AF business

**Gen. John Jumper**  
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We have come a long way in the difficult process of defining, refining, organizing, deploying, and employing our Air and Space Expeditionary Force concept. Despite being involved in three major operations (Operations Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle) during the transition, we continue to make steady progress in the manning, equipping, and training of the dedicated forces and in the force flow management that is so critical to their success.

Now I need your personal attention and support in two absolutely vital areas if we are to finally bring the AEF concept on-line in the challenging days ahead. The first area is the adoption of the AEF expeditionary mindset across our Air Force, and the second is the embracing of our doctrinal precepts in the organization and employment of air and space power.

Concerning what I call "the culture of the Air and Space Expeditionary Force," everyone in the Air Force must understand that the day-to-day operation of the Air Force is absolutely set to the rhythm of the deploying AEF force packages. Essential to this cultural change is our universal understanding that the natural state of our Air Force when we are "doing business" is not home station operations but deployed operations. The AEF cycle is designed to provide a rhythm for the entire business of our Air Force, from assignment cycles to training cycles and leave cycles. That process needs to be the focus of our daily operational business. We must particularly work to change processes within our own Air Force that reach in and drive requirements not tuned to the

deployment rhythm of the AEF. That means that when the 90-day vulnerability window begins, the people in that particular AEF force package are trained, packed, administered, and are either deploying or sitting by the phone expecting to be deployed. There should be no surprises when that phone does ring, and no reclaims that they are not ready. More important, there should be no reclaims because someone other than the AEF Center tasked people in the AEF for non-AEF duties.

So I need your help. Wing commanders should be looking at a slide in daily staff meeting that tracks the training progress and availability of each unit type code preparing to deploy just like we track flight mission capable rates. We should all know what AEF we are in and when we are vulnerable to deploy. You may ask, "What about units that don't deploy?" The answer is that some parts of almost every unit in the Air Force is or will be in a UTC that deploys in the AEF cycle. The purpose of the new Aug. 5, 2002 combat wing organization is to make some parts of every wing trained and ready to be expeditionary.

The second issue we need to focus on is understanding and adhering to our doctrine. Just as important to the expeditionary culture is the fundamental understanding that we organize, deploy, and employ using organizational principles based on doctrine, not ad hoc command arrangements. Doctrine is not the opinion of the most senior officer present. Years ago we found we had nearly lost our way, and although we were and are magnificent operators, we were wasting time and energy in organizational structures that didn't make sense and were not understood by our people. Neither were they understood or supported by the joint commanders we were sent to support. Worse, this lack



**Gen. John Jumper**  
*Air Force chief of staff*

of doctrine was causing a "lost patrol" syndrome as we stood up small organizations or deployed with no coherent command and control structure. Since 1996 our focus on doctrine has given us the tools we need. We created a Doctrine Center and took the time at every senior Air Force level to codify what we had experienced in joint and combined planning, deployment, and employment. We agreed and codified those lessons as our best practices and issued them as our first comprehensive and integrated set of doctrine.

Chief among those documents were AFDD-1 and AFDD-2, which laid out not only what we believe about the proper application of air and space power, but also the proper way to organize, present, deploy, and employ air and space power. We continue to institutionally review and improve those concepts to ensure they stand the test of time as well as to make sure that we transform with the times.

Two principles — Unity of Command and Centralized Control/Decentralized Execution — are the key pillars of our doctrine. We believe that airmen



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work for airmen and the senior airman works for the joint force commander. These precepts have served us well over time, but we airmen are plagued by bad habits — over the years we have not formed good habits in reading and practicing our own doctrine. When I review our laydown of forces in recent contingencies and exercises, I see some improvement, but not what we should expect from Air Force leadership that understands and enforces our doctrine. Despite the fact that AFDD-2 provides us with a clear view and ample examples of how we should best organize and present our forces, I still see instances where we have not established a Commander Air Force Forces (COMAFFOR), where we have deployed multiple squadrons to the same bases with no Air Force command element and no clear line of Air Force authority to any com-

mander. Additionally, even in our permanently based force we can still point to units quartered on the same base or geographically separated units (GSU), but reporting up separate chains, some even linked to functional stovepipes rather than to a commander. In most cases we don't even notice doctrinal negligence because our airmen are such superb operators — we'll get the job done even in a lousy organization. We need to fix this for them. We know how to do it right: we've taken the time to argue it out, write it down and publish it.

I realize that doctrine is by design authoritative but not directive; however, if we haven't read it, it is neither. In the normal circumstance doctrine is the best way to proceed and if we must deviate, there should be a clear and compelling operational reason. I need you to help

me bring discipline to the system and the way we deploy and employ our forces. The basics are simple: when we deploy we should be in a Wing, Group, Squadron or Flight. There should be a clear chain of command to a Commander of Air Force Forces. A deployed expeditionary unit should look like the Combat Wing Organization we are a part of back home. We should read AFDD-1 and AFDD-2.

An expeditionary mindset across our Air Force and an in-depth understanding of our force presentation doctrine are fundamental to the success of our AEF if we are to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. I will count on you to be out front with me in getting these messages clearly explained and understood across our great Air Force.

## Understanding the EAF concept

As the Air Force moves into the 21st Century, it is doing so under a new concept called an expeditionary aerospace force. This new concept is the Air Force's vision to organize, train and equip to deploy ready forces for contingency operations. The concept was developed as a way to respond to the increasing number of contingencies that call for worldwide deployments.

Affectionately called EAF, its goal is to enhance readiness and reduce operations tempo by adding predictability and stability to deployments. To do this, the Air Force has implemented 10 aerospace expeditionary force, or AEF, packages that comprise almost all of the Air Force active duty, Reserve and Guard force. Each AEF package consists of approximately 15,000 personnel, a full spectrum of aerospace capabilities including a cross section of Air Force weapons systems and about 175 aircraft.

Air Force officials say with the AEF structure they will be able to better manage resources in order to spread the operations tempo more evenly and achieve more predictability in deployment.

The following questions and answers help explain the concept and how it works. For additional questions or more information, visit the unit mobility office or the AEF center's web site at <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/eafonline/>.

### **Q. Why EAF?**

A. The Air Force is changing. Since the Cold War, personnel cuts have forced every the Air Force to reexamine its role as part of the national security puzzle. The Air Force saw it needed to prepare for the changing face of world dynamics. The end result, after rightsizing its force and scaling back its presence overseas, was clearly visible — the Air Force would need to become more expeditionary. By its first definition, expeditionary means "sent on military service abroad." That's why the term Expeditionary Aerospace Force now applies so well to the Air Force of the 21st Century.

### **Q. What does EAF mean?**

A. EAF is fundamental and evolutionary change for the Air Force. A shift to an expeditionary warrior mindset and a vision for how the Air Force organizes, trains, equips, and sustains aerospace forces to meet the requirements of national military strategy and the challenges of a changing global security environment.

### **Q. How is the Air Force achieving EAF?**

A. The Air Force is organizing our forces differently



photo by SSgt. Reynaldo Ramon

*TSgt. David Ripper, an image ready analyst from AIA views imagery taken by a U-2. The mobile intelligence processing element, currently deployed to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, is a one-of-a-kind wet film processing mobile facility used by analysts.*

than in the past. It has associated forces together to form teams called Aerospace Expeditionary Forces or AEFs.

## **Q. What are AEFs?**

A. An Aerospace Expeditionary Force is a predetermined set of USAF forces (aircraft, equipment, and personnel) from which tailored force packages deploy to support the war fighting commander-in-chiefs. The Air Force formed 10 of these AEF teams that will deploy to steady-state, rotational operations or remain on-call at home station. Each AEF is composed of a cross-section of Air Force weapons systems, 150-175 aircraft, and includes 10,000 to 15,000 men and women. Because an AEF is a Total Force organization, it includes many types of aircraft and personnel drawn from the active duty major commands, the Air Force Reserve Command, and the Air National Guard. The AEF consists of geographically separated, virtually linked units consisting of more than squadrons of combat aircraft—it includes people and equipment to present a cross-section of Air Force combat and mobility aviation, as well as expeditionary combat support (ECS) capabilities. The ECS resources aligned to each AEF include forces necessary to establish continuous operations at

active airfields or austere forward locations, such as security forces, communications, civil engineering, medical teams, fire fighters, transportation, and maintenance.

## **Q. What is an AEW?**

A. An AEW is an Air Expeditionary Wing. Each AEF has a “lead wing” that provides contingency leadership. The lead wings provide commanders, if tasked to provide group- or wing-level leadership to a new deployed. In addition, there are five lead mobility wings and two permanent on-call Aerospace Expeditionary Wings. The AEWs alternate 90-day on-call periods corresponding to the AEF rotations.

## **Q. What does EAF mean to me?**

A. The EAF concept affords us a force management tool to better assess how we move from steady state operations to surge operations, then back to steady state where we haven’t had a formalized way beforehand to measure the entire force.

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***Q. How do AEFs work? How often can Air Force people expect to deploy and for what duration?***

A. Each of the 10 AEFs is scheduled for one 90-day contingency on call/deployment eligibility period every 15 months. Since deploying elements from the AEFs are tailored to the situation, not everyone will deploy during the deployment window of their AEF. The 15-month life cycle includes periods of routine training, preparation, and on-call deployment eligibility. The approximate 10-month normal training period concentrates on unit missions and basic proficiency events in accordance with applicable Air Force directives and specialty codes. This may include exercise participation. The 2-month deployment preparation period focuses unit activities on area of responsibility specific events required for the 90-day on-call deployment eligibility period that follows. Following the deployment or on-call period, units will enter into a MAJCOM-defined recovery period.

***Q. How are AEFs scheduled?***

A. AEFs are scheduled in 15 month cycles so each unit will know far in advance about its 90-day vulnerability period. The concept was designed so Air Force people would know when to expect a possible deployment making it easier to plan their personal lives. Now, active-duty people will not longer have to wonder if the family vacation they are planning will have to be cancelled because of a no-notice deployment.

***Q. Which AEF am I in?***

A. If you are assigned to an AEF, then you are built into what's called a unit type code, specific to your Air Force specialty. Contact your Unit Mobility Officer for details on which AEF you are assigned to and when you can expect to deploy.

***Q. Am I deployable if I'm not assigned to a UTC?***

A. If you are not assigned to a unit type code, they you are probable not coded to an AEF and will very likely not be considered for deployment. However, there are exceptions. First, there a small number of individual billets that tend to be very specialized functional areas (rated, intelligence or contracting), which require some unique, extremely specialized skills such a fluency in a foreign language. These will continue to be tasked and will not be built into a UTC. There is also a major effort to place as many deployable people in deployable UTCs, which will ultimately create new UTCs across the Air Force.

***Q. Can I deploy in two AEFs in the same cycle?***

A. No. AFI 10-4000 throughout Chapter 1, specifies on 90-day on-call period or deployment per 15-month cycles.

## Developing tomorrow's expeditionary airmen

*At the beginning of the 21 st Century the United States faces a dynamic and evolving security environment. America's security is now truly a global issue and the men and women of the United States Air Force are tasked to meet that challenge. We find ourselves executing an expeditionary concept that focuses us on the business of rapid deployment in response to conditions ranging from humanitarian assistance to full-scale conflict. The expeditionary air and space force concept describes who we are today and where we're going tomorrow.*

*Post-September 11 th operations reinforce the reality that future missions and contingencies will require greater sophistication and understanding of our international security environment. Just as we need pilots, intelligence specialists, satellite operators, and jet engine mechanics, our expeditionary force requires airmen with international insight, foreign language proficiency, and cultural understanding. Recent operations underscore our need to establish a cadre of professionals proficient in foreign languages and area studies—men and women who have the right skill sets to shape events and rapidly respond to world-wide contingencies. These international skills are true force multipliers and essential to our ability to operate globally.*

*Developing such a global cadre will require a much-needed "culture change." To that end, I strongly encourage the pursuit of such skill sets and experiences through regional/international studies degree programs, foreign languages, and overseas assignments. I expect commanders to fully support and emphasize the importance of this to their charges. To be truly successful at sustaining coalitions, pursuing regional stability, and contributing to multi-national operations, our expeditionary forces must have sufficient capability and depth in foreign area expertise and language skills. I urge each of you to develop tomorrow's expeditionary airmen. America's security depends upon it.*





photos by Boyd Belcher

Attendees for a recent two-day seminar for San Antonio staff sergeant selects were given a chance to ask local chief master sergeants questions. In the hotseat for the chiefs' panel are, from left: CMSgt. Marc Benkendorf, AFIWC superintendent; CMSgt. Bruce Collet, 690th IOG superintendent; CMSgt. Nick Forge, HQ AIA chief of Executive Services; and CMSgt. Tina Media, HQ AIA chief of Supply.



## AFIWC sponsors NCO workshop

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"AFIWC enlisted leadership wanted to be sure our newest staff sergeant selectees clearly understood the challenges each would face as NCOs," SMSgt. Kevin Slater, project officer for the seminar, said. "We used the Enlisted Force Structure (AFI 36-2608) as the backbone of our seminar to ensure each selectee saw for themselves the distinct differences between the Air Force's expectations of airmen and NCOs."

Topics of discussion during the event included career counseling, writing skills, standards, progressive discipline, developing subordinates and Air Force core values. Attendees were also given a chance to ask questions of local chief master sergeants and first sergeants during panel discussions.

"The seminar was an eye opener," SrA. Christopher Currie, an attendee said. "We, as staff sergeant selects, need to start thinking as NCOs and learn to lead. This seminar gave me necessary tools that I'll need to be ready."

Those attending the seminar were: LaDonna Bell and Vicente Guerrero, both from the 690th ISS; Jeremy Carsten, Alnicia Parker, Kristi Seifried and David Dunlap, from the 33rd IOS; Carrie-Anne Goodwin, Shendrishia Hancock, Ann Urdiales and Joseph Starry, all from the AFIWC; Carie Henson and Michael Steward, both from the 453rd EWS; Montrey Jones, 690th ALIS; Jason Seiter, 92nd IWAS; and Christopher Currie and William Coates, both from the 90th IOS.

Col. Lorry M. Fenner, 70th IW vice commander, has been selected as the 2002-2003 supreme court fellow assigned to the Supreme Court of the United States.



# Air Force colonel accepts Supreme Court decision

By MSgt. Rick Corral  
70th IW/PA

Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Once in a lifetime comes the opportunity to fly farther, dive deeper or climb higher. For one 70th Intelligence Wing member, that opportunity is now.

Col. Lorry M. Fenner, 70th IW vice commander, has been selected as the 2002-2003 supreme court fellow assigned to the Supreme Court of the United States.

As the first military member to be accepted in the Supreme Court Fellows Program, Fenner has taken what was first thought as a long shot and hopes to turn it into a career-broadening opportunity.

"I was reading the Chronicle of Education when I found this advertisement for the Supreme Court

program," Fenner said.

"I thought it sounded interesting and something that fell into the interest areas I want to pursue further. I said to myself, 'why not test the waters and see what happens,' so I filled out the application, never thinking I had a chance to be selected."

The Supreme Court Fellows Program was created in 1973 by the late Chief Justice Warren E. Burger to provide promising individuals with a first-hand understanding of the federal government, in particular, the judicial branch. In the words of Chief Justice Rehnquist, the program "offers a unique opportunity for outstanding individuals to apply their talents and interests to the administration of justice at the national level."

"In January, I received a call saying that my application had been

selected and that I was a semifinalist," Fenner said. "I had to do some soul-searching at that point. Should I continue with the process and see what happens or withdraw my application?"

"Because it was something new, I was not really sure the Air Force would allow me to take the fellowship. I didn't have a lot of options, but I did know that if I was selected and it came down to the Supreme Court or the war on terrorism, I would go with the needs of the Air Force. If I did nothing else with this program but be a semifinalist, it would still be very cool," she said.

"They gave me some interesting books to read, provided a formal dinner with key court leaders including a dinner speech by Justice Scalia. We also received a wonderful tour of the court and Federal Judicial Center."

But the Supreme Court had different plans for Fenner, as she was selected for the program.

"You can't imagine how surprised I was when I received the call. All the other semifinalists were lawyers. I never dreamed I had a chance without a legal background."

It turns out the Air Force key leadership has been very supportive of Fenner's selection.

"It's not just me accepting this position. It's the Air Force and all the people and programs that will benefit. Hopefully this will open doors in the future to more Air Force people," she said. "I believe this is the first time an Air Force member has received such a position."

Each year, fellows work with top officials in the judicial branch. With assignments at the Supreme Court, the Federal Judicial Center, the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, and the U. S. Sentencing Commission, fellows have been involved in various

projects examining the federal judicial process and seeking, proposing and implementing solutions to problems in the administration of justice.

As a fellow, Fenner's duties may include speech writing and research for the chief justice, briefing visiting dignitaries, preparing analytical reports and overseeing the Supreme Court Judicial Intern Program. Her year-long fellowship begins this month.

As wing vice commander, Fenner directs the strategic planning and management of more than 4,000 military members worldwide.

Fenner served as a strategic planner with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1997, and assisted writing a national security report commissioned by President Bush to provide a comprehensive review of intelligence.

Fenner is a member of the American Historical Association, the Air Force Association and the National Defense University Foundation. She

serves on the Board of the Alliance for National Defense and on the editorial board of *War in History*. She recently co-authored a book on women in the military for Georgetown University Press.

She earned a B.A. from Arizona State University, an M.S. in national security studies from the National Defense University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from the University of Michigan.

Fellows are selected by an 11-member Supreme Court Fellows Commission appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States.

"The whole process started with me answering an ad in a magazine and thinking 'Why not?,'" Fenner said. "If I've learned one lesson from this whole process, it's don't be afraid to ask. You never know what you can accomplish."

*(Editor's note: Some information in this story is courtesy of the Supreme Court Office of Public Affairs.)*

## Incentive flight begins with bright idea

**TSgt. Lawrence Bader**  
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It's July 3 and wearing more than 20 pounds of safety harness, G-suit, and survival vest I walk out of Life Support.

We're heading toward the F-16D I'm scheduled to ride in when I'm told steps it's a "no go." The mission has been scrubbed because of a mechanical failure.

So, I head back into Life Support to climb out of the rig. As I do, I think a bit about how a "computer geek" supporting the "intel spooks" got a chance to ride with the 36th Fighter Squadron's Flying Fiends.

As the NCOIC of Computer and Communications Systems for Detachment 2, 18th Intelligence Squadron, I am responsible for ensuring all communications and network systems

are operational. I keep the electronic lifelines alive between the detachment and our affiliated units. Having served at the small detachment on top of Hill 170 at the back end of Osan's flightline since September, I am nearing the end of my remote tour.

The journey to my incentive flight started in February at the end of one of the many exercises held here at Osan. Starting my steep climb up the hill, I looked out toward the flightline and saw a sortie of F-16s staging for launch. One of the fighters was a two-seater. An idea began to form.

Once I made it into the compound, I found the unit commander and asked if he would be willing to back my bid for an incentive ride. Gaining approval, I played a long shot.

Three years earlier, I served a tour with the 12th Expeditionary Intelligence Squadron at Prince Sultan

AB, Saudi Arabia. While there, the U.S. troops moved from "tent city" to Friendly Forces Housing. Once the move was complete, then Brig. Gen. Dennis Larsen wanted a memorial museum set up for the 19 airmen who perished at Khobar Towers. I was one of less than a dozen troops that made the desire a reality. We dedicated the museum on Memorial Day 1999.

Now, Maj. Gen. Larsen is currently the 7th Air Force vice commander here at Osan Air Base.

I wanted to see if interpersonal networking would work for this network administrator. So with the captain's blessing, and a fair measure of chutzpah, I sent the general a letter.

Knowing the general is an F-16 pilot, I knew he would have to requalify from time to time. I reintroduced myself and then pleaded my case in hopes of catching a ride with him one afternoon. General Larsen



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wrote me back. He asked for my DEROS and told me he would have his exec check into the local regulations and OIs governing incentive flights.

A few months passed, and I thought the gambit had failed. But then I received another e-mail from the general.

Attached to the e-mail was the incentive flight request format and instructions for me to place General Larsen as the first endorser. I wasted no time in generating the letter, getting the unit commander to sign the request, and then start the coordination process.

I hand-carried the letter from office to office, finally losing contact with the letter at the 51st Fighter Wing commander's office.

Three weeks later, I received word that the flight was a go.

I made contact with the 36th Fighter Squadron to coordinate egress and emergency training, medical clearance and equipment fitting at Life Support. The pieces fell into place rapidly, culminating in me suiting up July 3. But Murphy's Law reared its ugly head and kept me on the ground a little longer.

But, after more training and fittings, that must be reaccomplished before reporting back for the mission, the flight is a go for the following Friday.

The day started with an 8 a.m. show time for suiting up at Life Support, followed by an 8:40 a.m. mass brief, and then a 9:30 a.m. mission brief. After the mission brief we worked our way into g-suits and harnesses and headed to the aircraft.

Shortly after 11 a.m., we fire up and roll out, taxi (remembering to wave to the tower), and stage for take off. But it is here that Mother Nature took Murphy's place. Due to haze and a low ceiling, the "max performance take off" was replaced with an after-burner takeoff. But this is not to say the take off was adrenaline-free.

The ensuing hour and 40 minutes

burned by quickly. Climbs, dives, turns, rejoins, barrel rolls and the obligatory queasy stomach were all part of the ride. Negative and positive G's, a few photos, clearing the clouds to see forever, and low level flight to get picturesque views of South Korea were all squeezed in. And then with a left bank, a short hop, and throttle back we rejoined the land-bound members of Osan.

We taxi back to the hanger and exit the aircraft. It's time to head back to the squadron for the out-brief and changing back to BDUs.

Let me tell you, the fine folks at the 36th know their business and earn their pay, day in and day out. I appreciate all the

time and effort they put into giving me the flight of my life.

*"For once you have tasted flight, you will walk the Earth with your eyes turned skyward; for there you have been, and there you long to return,"* Leonardo da Vinci.



TSgt. Lawrence Bader, formerly of Det. 2, 18th IS, Osan AB Republic of Korea, at right, stands ready for his incentive flight.

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# Summer brings new leadership to 694th IG

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Changes in leadership for the 694th Intelligence Group began at the top of the ladder as Col. Katherine Gauthier took over as commander of the group July 10.

Gauthier joined the group from Royal Air Force Molesworth, United Kingdom, where she was the director of Operations, Joint Analysis Center, U.S. European Command.



*Gauthier*

Gauthier brings to the group experience in many facets of the Air Force, including telemetry systems, political-economic

advising, and joint intelligence center experience, as well as positions with the inspector general and as a political-military planner, to name a few.

But Gauthier is not the only new face of leadership around the group. Within the month of August, four of the group's six squadrons also welcomed new commanders.

The first change took place at the 94th Intelligence Squadron Aug. 2 when Lt. Col. M. Jay Mitchell grabbed the squadron's reins. Mitchell joins the group from the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas, where he was deputy chief of Non-rated Operations Officer Assignments Branch and chief of Intelligence Officer Assignments.

Mitchell has nearly 17 years of

intelligence experience under his belt. Just a few of his intelligence assignments include chief of Operations Intelligence and chief of Intelligence Branch within the 602d Tactical Air Control Wing; honor graduate of and intelligence division instructor for the USAF Weapons School; Weapons, tactics, and intelligence officer at the



*Mitchell*

Joint Intelligence Center in support of Operation Southern Watch; and chief of the National Airborne Operations Center Intelligence Operations

Team at the Operations and Logistics Directorate, J3/4, United States Strategic Command. The 94th IS is responsible for the Consolidated Remote Operations Facility, airborne mission where both tactical and strategic information is provided to theater commanders and top national leadership, including the President and the Secretary of Defense. In addition, the 94 IS operates the National Tactical Integration Central Cell, which specializes in leveraging the national intelligence system, providing time-sensitive, actionable intelligence information at the operational and tactical levels of war.

The next change within the group was Aug. 21 when Lt. Col. Darren Medlin stepped up as the 91st Intelligence Squadron's new commander. Medlin joined the group from his position as the chief of Intelligence Architectures at the Joint Force Head-

quarters, Homeland Security, in Norfolk, Va.

He brings with him more than 16 years of intelligence experience, including assignments within the 6913th Electronic Security Squadron and the 6924th Electronic Security Group as both a flight commander and as chief of Mission Management, as well as an earlier assignment at Fort Meade as the junior cryptologic career program staff officer.

As commander of the 91st IS, Medlin is responsible for more than 400 active duty

and reserve airmen who participate in a variety of National Security Agency missions, including information assurance, research, acquisition, and numerous other support activities.

The groups' third change of command was Aug. 23 when Lt. Col. John Kaplan took command of the 694th Support Squadron. Kaplan's previous assignment was with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Alexandria, Va., as chief of the Electromagnetic and Infrastructure Protection Branch, Technology Application Directorate.

As his previous position suggests, Kaplan is a communications officer by trade and brings his more than 15 years of communications experience to the 694th SPTS.

Just a few of his many communications positions include an earlier



*Medlin*

## names in the news

stint at the Pentagon as chief of the Engineering Support Branch with the 7th Communications Group and as the executive officer to the group commander. In addition, Kaplan was chief of Program and Engineering, chief of Maintenance and flight commander of both the Workload Control and Program Management Flights at Kirtland AFB, N.M.



*Kaplan*

The final change of command for the group this summer was Aug. 28 when the 22nd Intelligence Squadron welcomed Lt. Col. Mary O'Brien as the new commander. O'Brien comes to

the group from her position as chief, Operations Branch, Congressional Inquiries Division, Legislative Liaison, at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force in the Pentagon.

A career intelligence officer with more than 13 years experience, O'Brien has served in a variety of positions, both intelligence and non-intelligence related. A few of her intelligence assignments include positions as an intelligence analyst, targeting officer and collection manager, as well as serving as an intern in the J-38 Reconnaissance Operations Division, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff and as the Program Element monitor, Resources Division, Directorate of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

In addition, O'Brien served as a legislative fellow on the personal staff of Congressman Ike Skelton.

As commander of the 22nd IS, O'Brien assumes responsibility for more than 600 active duty and Reserve

information operation warriors who participate in a variety of National Security Agency missions, delivering intelligence support to warfighters, commanders and national decisionmakers at all levels.

These four new commanders have transitioned seamlessly into their respective squadrons and are mission ready for any challenges they may face, at home or abroad.



*O'Brien*

## Former 426er earns master's degree via on-line program

First Lt. John Hanna woke up a hotel manager in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, early one morning to use the business office's computer to e-mail his assignment to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Hanna had worked feverishly on the paper all night after a long flight from Frankfurt, Germany.

In Tunis, Tunisia, Hanna did not have an Internet connection in his room. After finishing his assignments during the day, he would walk around the city by night to find an open Internet café to e-mail homework to his professors.

Hanna, then stationed at the 426th Information Operations Squadron at Vogelweh AIN Cantonment, Germany, was a member of Virginia Tech's first official class in the on-line M.A. degree

program in political science. He became the first of the class' students to finish his course work and then research, write, and defend his M.A. thesis, earning his on-line masters in December 2001.

"I sent homework and correspondences from four continents and places like Dubai, Tunisia, Berlin and Texas," Hanna said.

After making the decision to pursue a master's degree in some field related to international studies; he decided on an on-line degree because he knew he might be required to go TDY while working on the degree. He applied for admission to Virginia Tech in the fall of 1999.

The on-line masters of arts program in political science is an experiment in graduate education

started at Virginia Tech in 1998. It is identical in course content, requirement, and workload to the residential M.A. degree program.

"The big advantage was that I could be anywhere in the world and still be in class so long as I had a computer phone line and my books," he said.

Because of increased operations in the global war on terrorism, Virginia Tech allowed Hanna to defend his thesis via teleconference between Germany and two of Virginia Tech's campuses.

Hanna is currently stationed at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C.

*Taken in part from Virginia Tech's news site (<http://www.technews.vt.edu/Archives/2002/May/01758.html>)*



# Community Outreach



photos by Ted Koniares  
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
SSgt. Anthony Holden, A1C  
Trelanie Griffin and SSgt.  
Donnie Pleasant, share a smile  
and a laugh with one of the VA  
Hospital patients. SSgt. An-  
thony Holden takes a few mo-  
ments to chat with a hospital  
patient. 1st Lt. Ever Zavala  
from the 453rd Electronic  
Warfare Squadron visits with  
a patient at the Kerrville Vet-  
erans Hospital. A1C Shannon  
Sunday and A1C Nicole Ma-  
son hand a goodie bag to one  
of the patients.

*By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
HQ AIA/PA  
Lackland AFB, Texas*

Members of the Air Force Information Warfare Center reached out to fellow military service members who wore the uniform proudly before becoming patients at the Kerrville Texas Veterans' Hospital, during a recent visit to the hospital.

About 30 people travelled to the facility, which houses long-term, critical care patients.

"It's a heart-wrenching experience to meet with these military members, but the rewards cannot be measured," TSgt. Franklin Merica, project coordinator, said. "The pride and love cannot be contained, and the patients are thrilled every time to see the latest generation of military professionals. All they need is a smiling face attached to a U.S. uniform."

Since this trip, AFIWC members have made the trip again and plans are being made to make the event a quarterly occurrence.

"Military history doesn't get more first hand than a trip to Kerrville where the patients have incredible stories," SSgt. Anthony Holden, one of the volunteers, said. "I understand that the visits are good for the patients, but I know that as military members we also benefit from the visits."







*Retired Army Sgt. Maj. Howard Ray, former POW, spoke during the annual ceremony at AIA.*

## AIA/JIOC honors former POWs during annual ceremony

*By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
HQ AIA/PA  
Lackland AFB, Texas*

"Over a million men and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Untold numbers of others have sacrificed their personal freedom by becoming prisoners of enemy forces. Then there are those whose bodies lie in unmarked graves all over the world, whose fates will never be completely resolved. It is the indomitable spirits of these brave men and women and their families that we have come to honor here today."

These are words expressed by retired U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Howard Ray, former POW, during the Air Intelligence Agency and Joint Information Operations Center's annual POW/MIA remembrance ceremony in the Ardisana Courtyard Sept. 20.

Ray served from May 1950 to November 1979. He was a light weapons infantryman at the time of his capture by the North Koreans in December 1950. He was a prisoner of war from December 1950 to February 1951. After his release from captivity, he served in Europe and Africa and returned to serve again in Korea on two other occasions. He also served during the hostilities in Vietnam.

His occupational career fields ranged from infantryman, personnel specialist, chaplain's assistant, Morse intercept operator and instructor, signal intelligence supervisor and a chapel activities supervisor.

The ceremony included a 21-gun salute by AIA's honor guard and a special wreath laying ceremony by members representing the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines. Those carrying the wreaths were Army SSgt. Frederick Weschenfelder, Marine Corps Sgt. Cesareo Rodriguez, Navy PO1 Darrel Mercer, and Air Force A1C Alice Giannopoulos.

"Today we remember these heroes of our Armed Forces who have given, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, 'the last full measure of devotion' in defense of their nation," Maj. Gen. Paul Lebras, AIA commander, said. "Their courage and commitment to duty, honor and country, often

in the face of vicious treatment and torture by their captors, stands as an example to all of us."

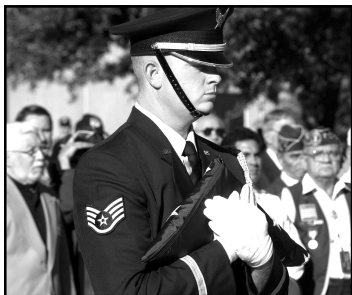
"I know from personal experience the fear and the isolation one feels at the time of capture," Ray said. "I know from personal experience, the courage and the bravery of my fellow captives in the face of torture and deprivation. I know from personal experience, the dreadful suspense of not knowing for sure if I would ever be released. I know from personal experience, the internal hope that must grow day by day, until, by the grace of God, liberation does come."

AIA has contributed to the mission



*AIA's Ardisana Courtyard was the setting for the annual POW/MIA remembrance ceremony that brought many former POWs and their families together.*





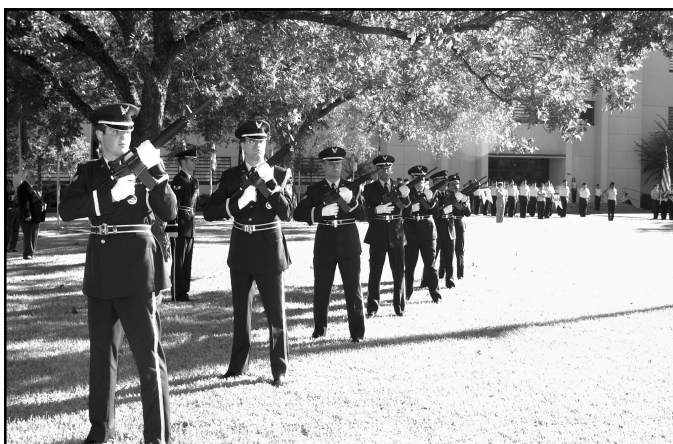
SSgt. Michael Brewer carries the American flag to the flagpole for the flag raising.

of locating POW/MIAs. In support of Joint Task Force Full Accounting, AIA members have provided products and services which assist that task force in carrying out its mission.

"Today's ceremony is only a token of the deep gratitude and respect we feel for our POWs and

MIAs, our American heroes," Lebras said.

Other former POWs in attendance for the ceremony were: Joseph Alexander, Ray Almendarez, Robert Arias, Jimmy Chavez, Oscar Cortez, Norman L. Ernst, William Garcia, Jose Hinojosa, Charles Kimmel, Joseph Lajzer, Ruben Martinez, Scott Milam, Abel Ortega, Cawthon Perdue Jr., Jose Rodriguez and Leland Sims.



AIA Honor Guard members perform the 21-gun salute as part of the special tribute to fallen comrades.



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ABOVE: Maj. Gen. Paul Lebras, AIA commander, speaks during the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony. AT LEFT: Many POWs and their families from the San Antonio area gathered for a special POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at AIA Sept. 20.

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ABOVE: Joseph Lajzer, former POW, chats with SMSgt. Robert Walsner from AIA's Directorate of Operations, during a social before the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at Security Hill. Oscar Cortez, former POW, salutes proudly during the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony at AIA. BELOW: Members from throughout Security Hill participated in flights during the ceremony.



SSgt. Michael Brewer and SrA. Christopher Cordero, both members of AIA's Honor Guard, prepare to hoist the American flag and the POW/MIA flag during the ceremony.





Col. Katherine Gauthier, 694th Intelligence Group commander, addresses the crowd at National Vigilance Park during the rededication ceremony held Sept. 4.

# Rededication ceremony honors aerial reconnaissance heroes

*"Today, one year later, we are still standing, our enemies are on the run, and this airplane before us reminds us – as it always has – that freedom is not free."*

**By SSgt. Kristina Brown**  
70th IW/PA  
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

The 694th Intelligence Group hosted the annual C-130 Rededication Ceremony Sept. 4 at National Vigilance Park here.

The ceremony's guest speaker was Mr. Larry Tart, a retired senior master sergeant who served in the Air Force Security Service as a Russian cryptologic linguist and helped to create the National Vigilance Park memorial.

On Sept. 2, 1997, the National Security Agency and the 694th Intelligence Group dedicated National Vigilance Park as a memorial to honor all Cold War-era aerial reconnaissance crews killed in the line of duty. To ensure the sacrifice of those Cold War heroes is not forgotten, the group hosts a yearly rededication ceremony at the park.

The centerpiece of the park is a C-130 aircraft, refurbished to an exact likeness of one reconnaissance-configured C-130, tail number 60528, downed over Soviet Armenia Sept. 2, 1958. Eighteen trees form a backdrop for the aircraft, symbolizing the 18 aerial reconnaissance crews. In all, more than 100 reconnaissance crewmembers lost their lives during the Cold War.

"The deaths of these 100 men can never be forgotten. We are here today in proud testimony to all those



*Members of the 694th Intelligence Group render their salutes during the National Anthem at the rededication ceremony.*

crewmembers – our comrades, our brothers in arms – who paid the ultimate sacrifice. To their memories, in their honor, and for the freedoms and liberties they held so dearly, we recommit ourselves today,” Col. Katherine Gauthier, 694th Intelligence Group commander, said.

Tart, also the founder of the Propwash Gang (a group made up of more than 300 former reconnaissance airmen), reminded everyone that although the ceremony was to honor Cold War heroes, today’s aircrews face danger as well.

“Much has changed in the last half century of airborne

intelligence operations, but our aircrews are still in harm’s way on every mission,” he said. “The Air Intelligence Agency and its predecessor commands have lost 48 airborne recon crew members in the line of duty since 1953.”

As a testament to his words, Tart spoke of AIA’s most recent loss, SSgt. Shane Kimmett. Kimmett was with the 25th Information Operations Squadron and was killed, along with nine other crewmembers, Aug. 7 when a Special Operations Command MC-130H Combat Talon crashed in Puerto Rico.



*Col. Katherine Gauthier and Mr. Larry Tart (front), 694th Intelligence Group commander and guest speaker for the ceremony, respectively, and TSgt. Tony Mancilla and SrA. Stephen Brown (back row), 694th IG Honor Guard members, salute as Taps is played at the ceremony.*

Other guests at the ceremony included family members and Cold War compatriots of those honored by the memorial; many members of the Propwash Gang; current reconnaissance crewmembers who traveled from Puerto Rico to honor Kimmett; and Mr. Martin Kakosian, an Armenian architect and sculptor who witnessed the shoot down of aircraft 60528. Kakosian was a college student in Armenia at the time, and although he knew nothing about the crew, he sculpted and dedicated an Armenian monument (a Khashkar) at the crash sight in August 1993.

Linking the September rededication to the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America, Gauthier spoke of the significance the National Vigilance Park memorial holds for her.

“Only a year ago, aircraft were used against us in an unprovoked terrorist attack against unarmed civilians, in an affront to civilized nations everywhere. But today, one year later, we are still standing, our enemies are on the run, and this airplane before us reminds us – as it always has – that freedom is not free.”





Rogers shows off his gold medal.

# Air Force NCO brings home martial arts gold

By SSgt. Kristina Brown  
70th IW/PA  
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Karate Kid, move over! SSgt. Chad Rogers has taken his childhood fascination of ninjas and martial arts

to a whole new level. In July, he won a gold medal at the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation Seventh World Championship, held in London, England.

Rogers, a linguist with the 22nd Intelligence Squadron here, now holds the title as World Champion in Synchronized Form 2002. Not bad for a guy who just picked the sport up a few years ago.

The martial art of Arnis (also known as Eskrima or Kali) is a system of self-defense that utilizes the baston, or stick, as its principle weapon. All weapons are an extension of one's hands, maximizing the individual's reach and striking impact. Arnis, like other fighting systems, can be practiced empty handed (wrestling, grappling, submission holds, hand to hand combat, feet techniques, joint locks), or with the use of the weapons.

According to Rogers, what makes Arnis unique from other forms of martial arts is that it begins its training with the use of weapons rather than empty hands. The Eskrimador (one who practices Arnis), first trains with a single stick, or

"solo baston." As the Eskrimador's skill set increases, he or she will master other weapons such as the dagger, the balisong (butterfly knife), the tabok tabok (Nunchuk), and the kawayan (staff).

"What little boy doesn't want to be a ninja," Rogers said of his childhood fascination. But shelving his ninja dreams, Rogers instead began wrestling at the age of four. "If there were a belt system in wrestling, I'd be a third- or fourth-degree black belt," Rogers said. But Rogers says there's no doubt his wrestling background has helped him progress quickly to a first-degree black belt in Arnis.

Quickly indeed. Rogers took his first Arnis class only four years ago and is now the reigning world champ. He said it wasn't a difficult decision choosing the art of Arnis over the many other martial arts, though.

"This is more of a free-will, fluid sport where you can really add your own skills and inputs," Rogers said. "That really attracted me to this sport ... the immediate weapons training didn't hurt either. I liked the fact that it was a 'combat' art."

What sparked the "ninja" flame after so many years, though? Rogers said he found an old article in *Airman* magazine on Chuck Norris. The article mentioned that Norris practiced his art while serving in the Air Force. "That kind of inspired me to follow this path and reconnect with an



Rogers practices the skills that recently won him a gold medal at the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation Seventh World Championship, held in London, England.



old dream," he said.

Now that he's brought home a world championship, Rogers said it's time for him to set his sights on new goals. First, he hopes to test for his second-degree black belt during an upcoming visit from his Grandmaster, the man who invented the particular style of Arnis that Rogers studies.

Next, he will continue training to defend his world championship title in the next competition. "That way I can prove to myself that it wasn't just the luck of the draw," Rogers said. "You never know when that somebody who is better, faster, or stronger

might come along – perhaps in the 2004 tournament."

One last goal, he adds, is to get the Air Force to give him a permissive TDY to defend his title. "This last trip was expensive! (hint hint)," he said. Thinking more long term, though, Rogers says he really enjoys instructing and would love to eventually open his own school and share the art with future generations.

"Staff Sergeant Rogers' accomplishments reflect his dedication to the extremely complicated martial arts discipline of Arnis and afford him the opportunity to be an ambassador for

the Air Force within our community, and now to the world," Lt. Col. Claire Saucier, 22nd IS commander, said. "We're all very proud of him here."

And although he's very proud of his new gold medal, too, Rogers said he doesn't think the Wheaties representatives will be beating his door down any time soon.

"I think I have a better chance of making ESPN 2 some day, but I wouldn't hold Wheaties back if they asked nicely." Good thing success hasn't gone to his head yet.

## *Fort George G. Meade observes Sept. 11 with ceremonies*

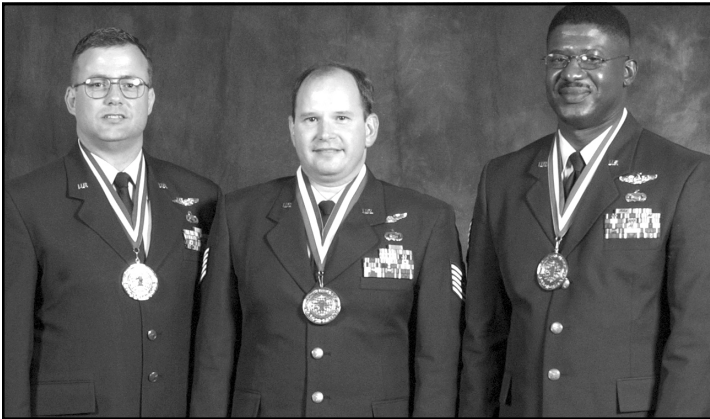


**photo by MSgt. Rick Corral**  
Pipe Major F.M. Taylor of the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La., performs "Taps" during the Sept. 11 commemorative ceremony at Fort George G. Meade. The 2nd ACR has the only active duty pipe corps in the nation. They perform hundreds of retirements, funerals and other special events annually.

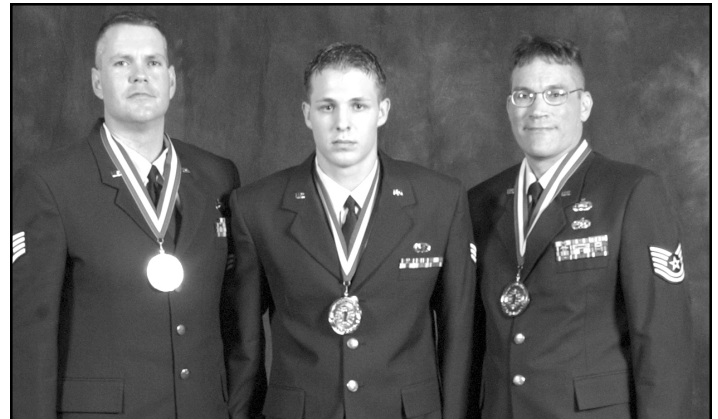


**photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown**  
694th Intelligence Group Honor Guard members march forward to post the colors at a ceremony held Sept. 11 in honor of those killed in the attack against America one year ago, and U.S. military members killed in the war on terrorism since then. Members, from left are, Ann. Eric Ditrich, SSgt. Michael Keifer, SrA. John McMahon and A1C Jeremy Dodson. The ceremony was held at the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Laurel, Md., and was coordinated by the Laurel American Legion, Post 60; the city of Laurel; the Laurel Police and Fire Departments; the Laurel Cleric Association, and Chapter 254 of the Air Force Sergeants' Association.

# Sensor Olympics 2002



1A8XX – Airborne Cryptologic Operator Craftsman: SILVER: TSgt. Michael Dremel, 390th Information Squadron; GOLD: TSgt. Paul Grgas, Det. 2, 67th Information Operations Group; and BRONZE: TSgt. Arthur White, 97th Intelligence Squadron.



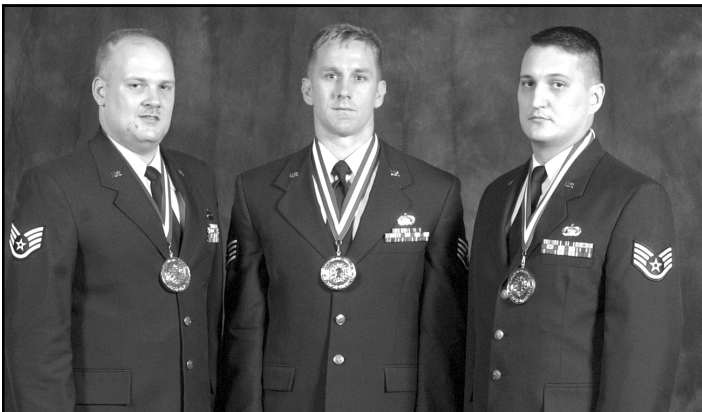
1N0X1 – Intelligence Applications Craftsman: SILVER: SSgt. Patrick Mahoney, 39th Information Operations Squadron; GOLD: SrA. Timothy Varley, 36th Intelligence Squadron; and BRONZE: TSgt. Daniel Hennel, National Air Intelligence Center.



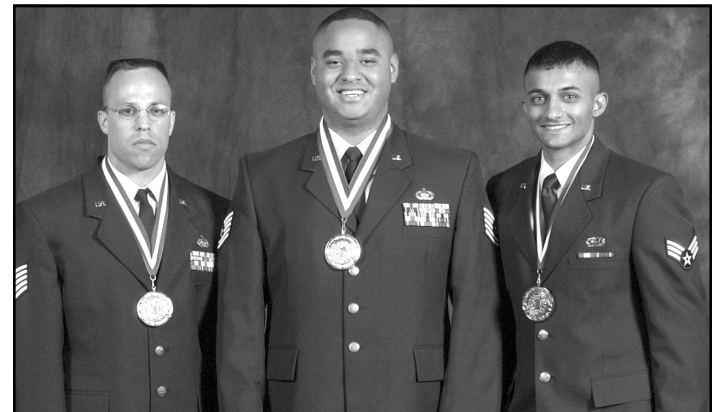
1N1X1 - Imagery Interpreter Craftsman: GOLD: TSgt. Marvin Murray, 36th Intelligence Squadron; and SILVER: SSgt. Casey Moninger, Air Force Technical Applications Center. Missing from photo is BRONZE: SSgt. Kelly Broomfield, National Air Intelligence Center.



1N2X1 - Signals Intelligence Production Craftsman: SILVER: TSgt. Matthew Jangro, 381st Intelligence Squadron, GOLD: TSgt. James Grigalunas, 29th Intelligence Squadron; and BRONZE: TSgt. Mimi Ducane, 694th Support Squadron.

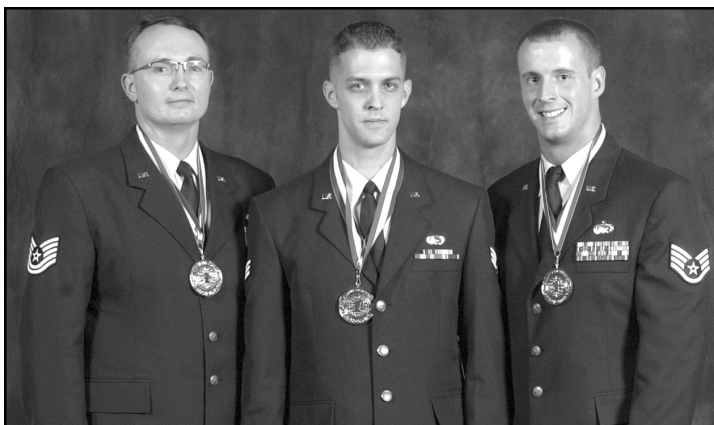


1N3XX – Cryptologic Linguist Craftsman: SILVER: SSgt. Eric Poe, 31st Intelligence Squadron; GOLD: SSgt. Eric Heinzer, 29th Intelligence Squadron; and BRONZE: SSgt. Cody Bringham, 22nd Intelligence Squadron.

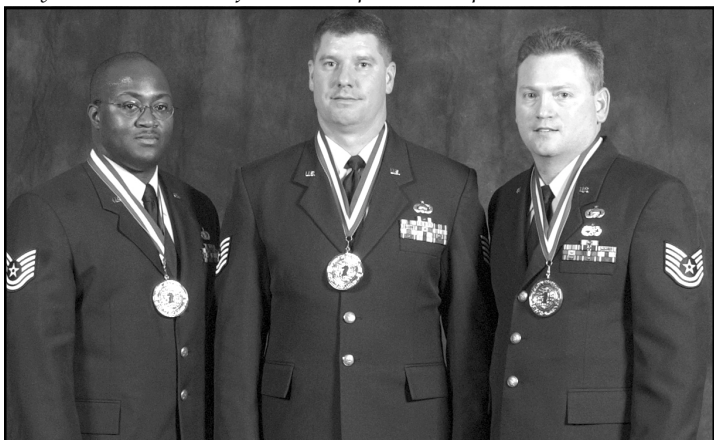


1N4X1 – Signals Intelligence Analysis Craftsman: SILVER: TSgt. Mark Thomas, 23rd Information Operations Squadron; GOLD: TSgt. James Brin, 324th Intelligence Squadron; and BRONZE: SrA. Tom Alexander, 301st Intelligence Squadron.

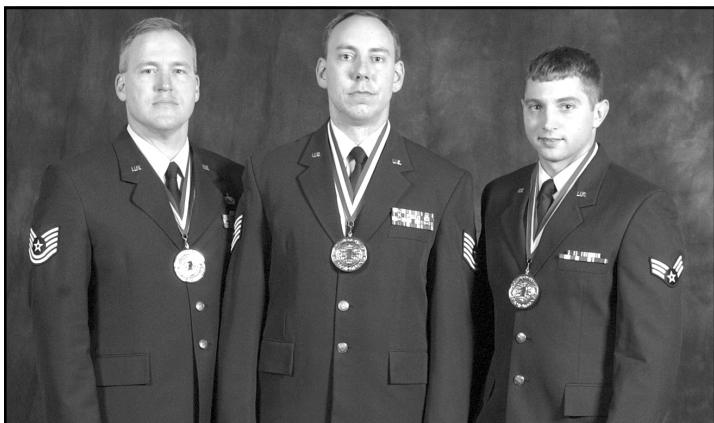




**1N5X1 – Electronic Signals Intelligence Exploitation Craftsman:** **SILVER:** TSgt. Jerry Temple Jr., 453rd Electronic Warfare Squadron; **GOLD:** SrA. Brain Simkins, National Air Intelligence Center; and **BRONZE:** SSgt. Clayton Besse, 451st Information Operations Squadron.



**1N6X1 – Electronics Systems Security Assessment Craftsman:** **SILVER:** TSgt. Charles Simpson, 39th Information Operations Squadron; **GOLD:** TSgt. Keith Harra Jr., 71st Wing Flight; **BRONZE:** TSgt. James Moffitt, 451st Information Operations Squadron.



**9S100 –Scientific Measurements Craftsman:** **SILVER:** TSgt. John Suter, 39th Information Operations Squadron; **GOLD:** TSgt. Matthew Brown, Air Force Technical Applications Center; and **BRONZE:** SrA. Max Schmid, AFTAC, Det. 452.

Finalists representing more than 4,000 enlisted troops from throughout AIA came together to participate in the 23rd Sensor Olympics.

Sensor Olympics is an annual enlisted skills competition for AIA and AIA-supported units. Every unit conducts preliminary testing to determine who will qualify for the agency-level testing. Agency-level tests are given by unit test proctors in June or July and the top three people from each career field, worldwide, travel to San Antonio as finalists. The event culminates with an evening banquet, where the top three in each specialty are presented gold, silver or bronze medals.

In addition to the finalists of each specialty, there were also 13 people named to the Honor Roll, according to individual specialties.

## ***Honor Roll***

### **1A8XX**

Airborne Cryptologic  
Operator  
Craftsman

**TSgt. Douglas Rustan**  
488th Intelligence Squadron

### **1N0X1**

Intelligence Applications  
Craftsman

**TSgt. Mark Hinkley**  
NAIC

**SrA. Kelly Gildner**

36th Intelligence Squadron

**A1C Elizabeth Warren**

90th Information Operations  
Squadron

### **1N1X1**

Imagery Interpreter  
Craftsman

**A1C Ashley Damm**  
20th Intelligence Squadron

**A1C Steven Griffis**

NAIC

### **1N2X1**

Signals Intelligence  
Production Craftsman  
**SSgt. Matthew Lebsack**

301st Intelligence Squadron

### **1N3XX**

Cryptologic Linguist  
Craftsman

**SSgt. Shawn Serrano**  
22nd Intelligence Squadron

### **1N4X1**

Signals Intelligence  
Analysis Craftsman

**TSgt. Russell Hamilton**  
67th Intelligence Warfare  
Flight

### **1N5X1**

Electronic Signals  
Intelligence Exploitation  
Craftsman

**SSgt. John Hess II**  
NAIC

### **1N6X1**

Electronics Systems Security  
Assessment  
Craftsman

**TSgt. Frank Kuwanoe**  
67th Intelligence Warfare  
Flight

### **9S100**

Scientific Measurements  
Craftsman

**SSgt. Jason Skiles**  
AFTAC

**SSgt. Christopher  
Holdsworth**

Det. 419, 692nd Intelligence  
Operations Squadron





photos by Ted Koniares & Boyd Belcher

Emily Kimmett and Maj. Gen. Paul Lebras unveil a plaque in honor of SSgt. Shane Kimmett Sept. 27 at AIA's remembrance ceremony. Kimmett is AIA's most recent fallen comrade. He was killed in August when the aircraft he was flying crashed in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



AIA's Honor Guard provided a 21-gun salute during the event. The first two firing the rifles are SSgt. Rolonda Miles and SSgt. Rickesha Harris with SrA. Randall Flynn at far left calling commands.

## Special tribute honors AIA's fallen comrades

**Maj. Steve Doub**  
HQ AIA/PA  
Lackland AFB, Texas

Nearly 300 Air Intelligence Agency members and Freedom Through Vigilance Association members gathered for a remembrance ceremony at Lackland's Security Hill Sept. 27 to pay tribute to AIA's fallen comrades.

The annual event is held to remember and honor those professionals who gave their life serving in air intelligence.

"The intelligence professionals who are memorialized on Security Hill exemplify the Air Force core values of

integrity first, excellence in all we do, and service before self," said Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, commander of AIA. "We mourn their deaths—their years cut short, their individual hopes and dreams unfinished, and loved ones left behind."

The 30-minute ceremony featured a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace" and a 21-gun salute by AIA's honor guard. In addition, FTVA members remembered those who died in the line of duty by calling out their names.

A special tribute went to SSgt. Shane Kimmett, AIA's most recent fallen member. Kimmett died Aug. 7 when the Combat Talon aircraft he was flying in crashed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He



was a direct support operator assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Information Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fla. He was responsible for providing threat warning and enhanced situational awareness to airborne special operations forces.

Kimmett's widow, Emily, was on hand to help unveil a plaque in her husband's honor. The plaque will be placed in AIA's hall of honor.

"On occasions like this, we gather to express our gratitude, to celebrate what they (intelligence professionals) accomplished, and to honor them for their service to our country," he said. "These courageous men and women are, without question, the most important part of AIA's proud heritage, and the legacy we must carry with us into the future. It is fitting that we should take time to remember them—to always remember."

FTVA president, Mr. John Worthington, also provided remarks about the importance of remembering those who have gone before us.

FTVA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support and perpetuation of the objectives of the Air Force and Air Intelligence Agency.

The event culminated in an F-16 "missing man" flyover.



Bagpipers provided special renditions for the annual observance.



Members of the Color Guard for the event are, from left: SrA. Abdul Khandker, SrA. Peter Magno, SrA. Jose Torralva-Campos and SrA. Daniel Robbins.

Many gathered for the annual remembrance ceremony held near the EC-47 static display at HQ AIA each year.





Photos by Spc. Nick Gioia

*Members of the 451st Information Operations Squadron at Menwith Hill, U.K., march during the Skipton Battle for Britain Parade.*

## Knights remember the Battle of Britain

*By 2nd Lt. Dimitrios Chrisos  
451st IOS  
RAF Menwith Hill, U.K.*

Each year in September, Britons remember the Battle of Britain. The battle started in July of 1940 and lasted until October of the same year. It was a fight for the very survival of the United Kingdom and one of the most decisive engagements of the World War II.

American allies came out victorious, as their bravery cannot be overstated, thus the famous statement by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The 451st Information Operations Squadron, more commonly known as the Knights, were no exception in the festivities throughout the country as they marched through the nearby town of Skipton Sept. 8.

The annual parade is sponsored by the Skipton Council, the British Legion and the Skipton Royal Air Force Association. The RAF-A has had a long association with

the Knights for years. Each year the Knights are invited to march in the Skipton Battle for Britain Parade and wreath laying ceremony.

The Knights alongside the Menwith Hill Joint Honor Guard and their British counterparts marched to the war memorial at the center of the town, filled with residents and tourists. There, the laying of the wreaths and the honors of the day took place. The formations continued toward the cathedral of the town where the parade ended. It was followed by the remembrance service for the thousands of victims.

The festivities concluded with refreshments at the Royal Air Force Association Clubhouse. The members shared old war stories and many laughs with the Knights.

"It's truly a testament to the bond and the close friendship between the two nations," Lt. Col. Michael Gibson, 451st commander, said. "It's a relationship that has weathered the good times and the bad and it has come out stronger than ever every time."



# General Foglesong visits NAIC

*By Rob Young  
NAIC/PA*

*Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio*

Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, Air Force vice chief of staff visited the National Air Intelligence Center Sept. 20 for an orientation covering the center's unique and highly critical mission.

NAIC is the Air Force's only all-source intelligence production center and is the primary Department of Defense producer of foreign air and space intelligence. NAIC assesses current and projected foreign forces, and weapon system capabilities and employment, plus it evaluates evolving technologies of potential adversaries. Its products and services play a key role in assuring that American forces avoid technological surprise and can counter the foreign air and space threat.

Lt. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge, Jr., AFMC vice commander and Col. Michael C. Hockett, NAIC vice commander, hosted Foglesong. The generals received briefings on the center's mission and capabilities as they visited NAIC's Foreign Materiel Exploitation Laboratory, where they also received detailed familiarization on foreign weapon systems.

The generals gained greater insight into the center's



*1st Lt. Joe McKenna briefs Gen. Robert Foglesong, Air Force vice chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. Charles Coolidge Jr., AFMC vice commander, during the generals' visit to NAIC.*

mission of doing detailed forensic analysis—providing a broad range of integrated, tailored assessments and information operations products and services to its clients. These products and services come as a result of NAIC's many executive agency responsibilities within the Department of Defense and directly support Air Force operational units, national decision-makers, and the research and development community, which sustains the acquisition of United States air and space weapons systems.

## heritage

# Washington debutante turned femme fatale

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Late one balmy DC night in June 1942, an OSS safecracker negotiated the top rungs of a ladder in the yard of the French embassy. Once inside, it was hoped, he would remove the Vichy codebooks and pass them to a team of agents waiting in the yard below. These agents would then copy the Vichy ciphers and return the books to the safe with no one the wiser—giving the allies a considerable edge in their imminent invasion of Vichy territory in North Africa.

Of course, the French were not in

the habit of leaving their embassy windows open at night, so the operation required a little help from the inside. The task of recruiting such help fell to an alluring young American Mi6 operative named Amy Thorpe, and she approached her assignment with characteristic audacity. In early 1942, posing as a pro-Vichy journalist, Thorpe began a torrid affair with the embassy's press attaché, Charles Brousse. In less than a month he, too, was working for the OSS, under her direction. On the night in question the couple retired to the embassy, telling the night watchman they intended to "discuss world politics" in Mr. Brousse's office. The watchman responded with a suggestive wink, but

later became suspicious and decided to check on the two lovers. He burst in on the party just as the operation had begun, surprising all but Thorpe who, hearing the footsteps in the hall, had frantically begun stripping off her clothes. Entering the room, the watchman trained his flashlight on the commotion and caught sight of Thorpe, wearing nothing but a necklace and heels. Suspicions allayed, and visibly moved, he stammered a "*Pardonnez moi*" and hurried out of the room—failing to notice the open window, the ladder (its top in full view above the sill), and the OSS safecracker straddling both.

With disaster averted, the operation continued and within 24 hours al-

lied code breakers were reading all communications between Paris and North Africa.

This was but the last hurrah in a remarkable career.

Amy Elizabeth Thorpe began life as a military brat. Her father was a Marine Corps captain and the family was always moving. The resulting need to make new friends quickly, biographers have speculated, was key to the development of a famously forceful personality. When Amy was a young teen, her father gave up the military life for a career in Maritime law.

The family settled in Washington, D.C., and his success afforded Amy access to the capitol's circles of social elite. Blessed with remarkable beauty—she was a strawberry blond with stunning green eyes—Amy was also assured the attention of the town's most eligible bachelors. But she was more than just a pretty face. Remembered by friends for her brilliant wit and a larger-than-life character, she had a lust for danger and excitement that would draw her to espionage.

At 19, Thorpe forwent the advances of a number of Washington's finest sons and married a mid-level, middle-aged British diplomat named Arthur Pack. The two had had a scandalous affair, and the union had more to do with Amy's advanced pregnancy than any real chemistry. Pack would prove unsatisfactorily dull for his adventurous young wife, so she compensated with a series of affairs.

In 1936, on the eve of the Spanish Civil War, Pack was re-assigned to Spain, and Amy accompanied him. It was there, legend has it, that she was introduced to her true calling. She was approached by a handful of Nationalist soldiers trapped behind Loyalist lines, who in desperation asked her to help them reach more hospitable territory. Thorpe agreed, and with the combination of her good looks and artful conversation she successfully smuggled the men through several checkpoints in the trunk of her car.

She was hooked, and soon took on similar missions like gathering diplo-

matic intelligence and smuggling Red Cross supplies to Franco's forces.

In 1937 Thorpe's hapless husband was transferred again, this time to Warsaw, where she relentlessly lobbied the Mi6 station chief for work as an operative. As the wife of a British national, she enjoyed dual citizenship. Finally the chief acquiesced, some say simply to get her out of his hair, and within weeks he was rewarded for his suggestibility. In short order Amy seduced two high-level Polish officials. From one she obtained the details of Poland's planned response to German and Russian provocations, and from the other she uncovered the first hints that Polish mathematicians had cracked the German Enigma machine.

Her work with these Polish diplomats laid the foundation for Polish-Anglo-American cooperation on ULTRA—the program for gaining information from high-grade signals intercepts—and likely shortened the war considerably. All were amazing feats, particularly since she had no formal intelligence training.

A year later she came through again, this time in Prague, providing her handlers with German plans for the invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Soon after this feat, however, her husband was re-assigned to Santiago, Chile, which at that time was effectively off the radar for Mi6. With no outlet for Amy's adventuresome impulses, their marriage quickly fell apart and she left Pack in 1941.

Thorpe moved to New York and had just about resigned herself to a normal life when she met William Stephenson, Mi6's chief liaison with the American OSS. It was no accident. Stephenson had heard much of her work in Europe, and he'd tracked her down to try and coax her back into service. It didn't take much. Soon Thorpe was at it again—this time for the Americans, too—legging her way into the hearts and minds of foreign diplomats in Washington, D.C. One was the Italian embassy's Military Intelligence chief, whom she relieved of Italy's naval ciphers. Waxing romantic, so the story goes, he asked

her what she really wanted from life. "The Italian navy cipher," she replied and, incredibly, he gave it to her.

Then came the Vichy embassy operation. This proved to be Amy's last because she had fallen in love with the French diplomat she recruited. Sometime around 1944 she finally divorced Arthur Pack and married Charles Brousse. The two retired to a medieval French castle, where most sources will tell you they lived happily ever after. But according to Columbiad.com, the story has a darker ending. Pack killed himself shortly after their divorce, and Amy died of mouth cancer in 1963. Ten years later Mr. Brousse was electrocuted by an electric blanket and sparked a fire that burned down half of the castle.

Thorpe's supporters have suggested that her escapades saved *hundreds* of thousands of allied lives during World War II. Stephenson himself suggested that many were saved in the invasion of North Africa by the French embassy operation alone—and the Italian naval ciphers she acquired through the love-struck MI officer proved decisive in the pivotal British victory at the battle of Cape Matapan later that year.

"Ashamed? Not in the least," she once responded to criticism of her M.O. "My superiors told me that the results of my work saved thousands of British and American lives.... It involved me in situations from which 'respectable' women draw back—but mine was total commitment. Wars are not won by respectable methods."





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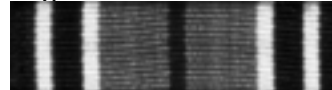
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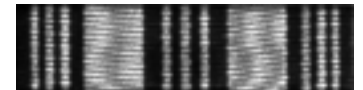
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